

Poke Run Presbyterian Church

THE RANGER - AUGUST 2019



Sunday August 4th!

After the 11am Worship Service

Poke Run sent 17 Campers to Pine Springs this year! We will celebrate this after today's 11am Worship service with a "pot-luck Picnic." Campers will share their experiences with the congregation - great joy and fellowship! All are welcome!

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.



No changes: 2 Sunday Services,
8:30am & 11am.

Adult Sunday School Classes
Continue at 10am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
SCHOOL WILL RESUME in
SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY will
resume September

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY 10am = ongoing



Dear Poke Run Presbyterian,

My name is Corrine Day and I am the 2019 Timothy Team Coordinator. I am serving on leadership staff by working alongside our High School staff members in the kitchen. I also get the awesome opportunity to disciple the timothy team as well throughout the summer. I am very passionate about the ministry of Pine Springs and this is my 4th summer on staff. As I have experienced camp as a staff member and camper God has reached me in incredible ways.

Some photos featuring a few of our Pine Springs campers. At left is a snippet from our adopted Pine Springs counselor **Corrine Day**, who is pictured top left with the **Martin/Spaulding** campers.

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Thank you to our July Lectors: Terry Wiester, Connor Martin, Jeff Wilkinson, and Logan Hileman

Thank you to our July Greeters: Walt & Becky Lange, Bob & Darlene Thompson and Ally Dupill!, and Tim & Laurie Martin



VOLUNTEER—If you are willing to serve as an occasional Greeter for the 11am service, please give **Amy** a call in the office (724-327-5563) or as a Lector for the 11am service, give **Connie Cauvel** a call (412-480-7451) - Your help would be **MUCH APPRECIATED!**



Georgia Alcorn, Ali Ankney, Scott Ankney, Annette, baby Noah, Carol Bartachellei, Renee Bates, Matt Beacom, Ronda Bertelle, Jeannie Bowman, Lil Bowman, Rick Bowman, Ron & Carole Bowman, Mike Brewer, Skye Brewer, Max Brooks, Ralph Brown, Carolyn Buckley, Bill Caldwell, Nora Jane Caporali, Dave Carroll, Ben Chicka, Irene Clark, Robin Coldren, Collin, Carol Croff & family, Marie D, Kelly Daugherty Farley, Tommie DeSantis, Sharon DiBagno, Hannah Dixon, Jim Dunmire, Sara Dyer, Shirley Elwood, Terry Fairbanks, Elmer Foley, Laurel Frey, Lee & Linda Gardener, Dolly George, Marnee Gormley, Joel George, the family of Paul Goetschius, Don & Helen Grayem, Allison Grundy, Trevor Hawk, Janine Hayle, Betty Henry, Don Henry, Ruth Hill, Brenda Hughes, Leland Jones, Marjorie Kaiser,

Rob Kemerer, Kim, Nancy Kimble and family, Joann Kole, Steve Kosinski, Joel Ladik and wife Katie, Rhett LaRue and family, Dana, Allison Lengauer Jordan, Pat Lengauer, Cliff Lightner, Heather Lynn, the McCutcheon family, Irma McDivitt, the family of Blanche Metzgar, Ronnie McDivitt, Mary Lou McKay, Amy McQuaide, Conrad McQuaide, JoAnn Miller, June & Roy Moorhead, Steve Morcheid, Sam Musmanno, Harry & Diane Notto, Leanne O'Connor, Ray O'Neil, Thad Overly, Sandy Pajak, Sarah Parrish, Evelyn Pfeffer, Randy Pfeffer, Pam Poremski, Winifred Powers, Reno, Rafael Rincon, Steve Roman, Debbie & Larry Seighman, Emma Shirey, Valerie Shondelmeyer, Linda Shoop, Joanne Smith, Dorothy Sottoriva, Carol Soule, Mary Jane Staite, Dinah Staymates, Steve, Mildred Striner, Arlene Switzer, Bev & Mario Tagliati, Amy Teele, the Thompson family, Jill Tocco, Sue Washburn, Linda Wengert, Jayne Wiester, John Wildi, Neale & June Wiester, Terry Wiester, Clay Wilabee, Bruce Wise, Kate Wolford.

Those gripped by addictions, Those who serve in the military, Remember to Pray for Our country, and Our world.



Please continue to keep **Pastor Pete** and his family in your prayers, Pastor Pete's brother Paul Goetschius passed away unexpectedly in July.

Please keep the family of **Donald E. Wigle Jr.** in your prayers, as Donald passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 22nd. Donald joined the Poke Run congregation in 1959, transferring to Saltsburg in 1970.

Periodically names are removed from the list if the office has not been updated. Contact the office to update your prayer concern or to have a name added.



The Community of Poke Run Presbyterian Church is a community that knows and lives the POWER OF PRAYER.

If you would like to be included on the Poke Run Prayer list, or just want to ask for prayer—contact the church office. If you want to be on the email Prayer Chain—also contact the office.

It is a privilege to lift up those we care about in continued prayer and Poke Run Church rejoices that many of those included on our "Prayer List" are healing and strengthening. If you placed names on our "Prayer List," please contact the office to update us.

Called 2 Serve

The Poke Run Nominating Committee has begun their work to prepare the slate of Elders, Trustees and Deacons for the 2020 year. Please keep this group and those who are called to serve the Poke Run Congregation in your prayers. Also please prayerfully consider your calling at Poke Run.



Communion is shared during the Early 8:30am Worship service every Sunday. In addition, communion will be celebrated during the following Worship services in 2019.

August 4th 11am September 8th 11am December 1st—Advent
October 6th World Communion 11am December 24th—Christmas Eve



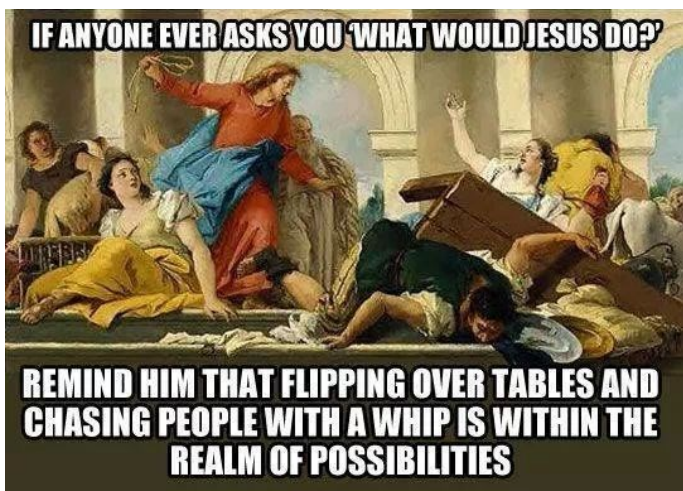
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POKE RUN CHOIRS!!!

Chancel Choir practice will start on Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm. Handbell Choir and Praise Team practices will start in September.

Consider joining the Poke Run Music ministry!
See **Sean O'Neil** with any questions.

Music
Ministry



Sunday School at Poke Run Church

Classes meet each Sunday at 10am.

Join in the fellowship area for refreshment between the early service and Sunday School.

FOR THE KIDS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—will continue through summer.

The class meeting in the West Wayside room (on the left at the end of the hall) is using the David C. Cook series titled **"Covenant in God"**



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

TODAY'S
Christian
LIVING

FREE—in the Narthex: copies of the two publications, **The Upper Room** - daily devotional, and **Today's Christian Living** - magazine



Vacation Bible School 2019 "CHAMPIONS OF THE FAITH"

....was successfully held during the last week of July, and joyfully celebrated during the July 28th 11am Worship Service. Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in, donated to, and prayed for Poke Run's VBS program. A very special thank you to **Karen Goetschius** for writing this year's curriculum and for **Linda Chicka's** leadership .

This year's VBS offering and donations supported the local Kiski Area Youth Network (KAYN) and the Blackburn Center and the Poke Run Presbyterian Church Christian Education programs.







Deacon Ministry

The Poke Run Deacons - Our Deacons spend time caring for our Poke Run Community and beyond. Please keep the Board of Deacons in your prayers as they minister God's love. If you are aware of someone who might benefit from the care of our Deacons, or a visit or call from Pastor Pete, do not hesitate to contact the Church Office.

Have a student going back to College or someone separated from us for a time?

The Deacons would love to keep in touch. Send information to the Church office or call it in—the Poke Run Deacons have a special place in their hearts for these dear ones.

Thank you Deacons for all that you do.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Women of the Church/Circle 2 will meet again in the Fall—starting in September.



Buccaneer Boutique - a collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you!

I know it's hard to think about - but summer will end and winter will come, so if you are going through your things—set aside any coats—we will again be collecting coats (hang them in the Narthex—look for the sign). The coats will be donated for **"The Great Coat Giveaway" sponsored by Murrysville and Plaza Cleaners**

The Great Coat Giveaway

Murrysville and Plaza Cleaners are having their

SECOND ANNUAL COAT COLLECTION AND GIVEAWAY

In co-operation with the First Presbyterian Church and Murrysville Export Rotary



Church Secretary

From the Poke Run Office

Office Hours 9:30am—2:30pm most days. Call ahead to be sure Amy is there!

Never hesitate to contact Pastor Pete 724-454-2278.

Next Ranger Deadline: Aug.27th

Directory

► **Copies of the Poke Run 2018 Annual Report (green cover) and a 2019 Phone Directory (yellow cover) are available in the Narthex** – please let the office know of any corrections or updates to your contact information.

UPDATES: Alcorn, Georgie c/o Erin LaCrone 3153 Garvers Ferry Road, Apollo PA 15613

Chicka, Ben cell phone: 814-574-8957

ADD Chicka, Tricia & Jonathon Swiderski 1749 Seaton Street NW, Washington DC 20009 cell 724-689-4800

Firstfruits Offering



The **"FIRST FRUITS"** offering is Poke Run's commitment to the larger church. Please consider an offering beyond your local giving, of \$42.50 per member. Only \$400 more to meet our pledge!

Legacy Giving: Did you know you can help take care of your church after you die? Remember to give to Poke Run Presbyterian Church in your estate planning.

**Presbyterian
FOUNDATION**





Are you interested in providing or dedicating Sanctuary flowers for our Sunday Worship? A calendar is located in the Narthex of the church. You can provide your own, or order two altar arrangements at a cost of \$44.00. Call the office if you have any questions. 724-327-5563

You can find Poke Run Presbyterian Church on Facebook! - featuring the "Daily Verse"



Find us on *Instagram* @poke_run_church

And on Twitter! @PokeRun1

Poke Run's email address:

pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net



Poke Run web site is www.pokerunchurch.com

And we are in the process of updating our Website

—PUTTING OUR BEST ELECTRONIC PRESENCE OUT THERE!

If you have ideas about our website—contact someone on our "Technology Committee"

Brett Stevenson

Doug Ross

Connie Cauvel

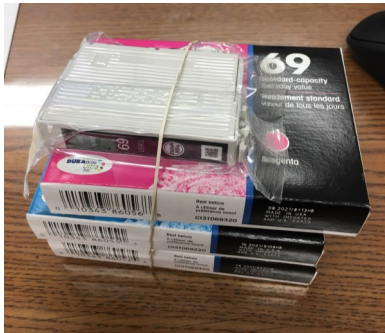
Linda Chicka

Amy Wilkinson

Laurie Martin

Pastor Pete

Bob Wilson



FREE TO YOU: the church office just got a new desktop color printer—these cartridges from the old one are FREE to you —call the office. Brand new—EPSON 69, black, cyan, magenta and yellow.



Mission Challenge:

James 2:26 "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."



**Westmoreland
County
Food Bank, Inc.**

Poke Run will volunteer at the Westmoreland County Foodbank **in Delmont** on **Saturday, August 17th**. Meet at 8:30am at the Foodbank, You must be aged 14 to participate. See Linda Chicka or contact the office for details.



THE POKE RUN TRUSTEES

The Trustees are busy as always— Thank YOU for your help and support - so many contribute in so many ways.

CURRENT PROJECTS: Roof/Chimney issues on the Education Wing, Fire Alarm system, Sanctuary Sound System, ongoing cemetery maintenance—

The work of "phantom" planters and weeders has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated!

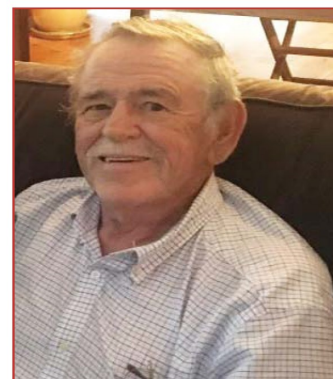
HELP NEEDED: The next Trustee Work Day is scheduled for Saturday August 10th—

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Andy Thompson shared the announcement at right. His dad, Poke Run member **Jim Thompson** was honored over Father's Day weekend along with 533 other Vietnam Veterans who died as a result of Agent Orange exposure during the war. Jim's extended family was in attendance.



James P. Thompson 2019 Honoree



August 30, 1945 - November 27, 2018
Vietnam, 1966-1967



HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

- 8/3 Amateur Astronomers—Kunkle Park—FREE Star Gazing
- 8/7 National Night Out—Northmoreland Park
- 8/11 Festa Italiana—Kennedy Park Vandergrift

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

- 9/1-2 Labor United Celebration—Northmoreland Park

FARM MARKETS

- Tuesdays—3-6pm, Greensburg—Lynch Field April—November
- Thursdays—3-5pm, Vandergrift—Columbia Avenue June—October
- Thursdays—3-7pm, Murrys—Sardis Road June—September
- Saturdays—8-noon, Ligonier May—October
- Saturdays—9-noon, Monroeville—Community Park March—November
- Saturdays—9am -1pm Delmont PA
- Saturdays—10am-2pm Lower Burrell City Hall



GEARHARD FARMS



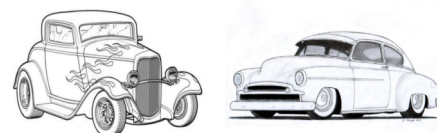
CORN MAZE



Corn Maze opens on Labor Day weekend-
Website: www.gearhardfarms.com



Family Fun & Friendship Cruise



West Hempfield Presbyterian Church

8 West Hempfield Drive, Irwin Pa.

August 25th 2019

12 noon - 4:00 pm Entry Fee \$5.00

Dash Plaques - Music by DJ Larry D
Chinese Auction - Good Food

Proceeds Benefit the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church Fellowship Committee

PHOTOS WANTED!!!!



The Office can use emailed photos from cameras or cell phones.

Share your good news!!! We'd love to include more pics from church functions and from YOU! **SEPTEMBER RANGER DEADLINE: August 27th .**



AUGUST

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am ADULT SunSch	5	6 10am Bible Study	7 7pm Mission & Stewardship	8	9	10 Trustee WorkDay 8:30am
11 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am ADULT SunSch	12	13 10am Bible Study	14	15	16	17  8:30am FOOD- BANK
18 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am ADULT SunSch	19	20 10am Bible Study	21	22 7pm Trustees	23	24
25 8:30 & 11am Worship 10am ADULT SunSch	26	27 10am Bible Study	28 7pm Choir	29	30	31 



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Pastor

Rev. Peter M. Goetschius

Secretary/Treasurer

Amy Wilkinson

Financial Administrator

Shyrl Stange

Choir & Musical Director

Sean O'Neil

Early Service Musical Director

Linda Moorhead

Cemetery Administrator

Tom Kimble

Poke Run Board of Trustees, President

Doug Ross

Worship
SCHEDULE

Sundays:

8:30am Worship Service, 11am Worship Service

Sunday School at 10am

KIDS classes will resume in SEPTEMBER

ADULT classes will continue in August

Sunday Bible Study: Will resume in September

